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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT (SC)

DECLARATION OF BAN ON LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM (LTTE) AS AN UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATION
UNDER THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) ACT, 1967.

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The following Notification S.O 1730 (E), dated 14th May, 2019 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, is republished:-

S.O. 1730 (E) - WHEREAS the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (hereinafter referred to as the LTTE), is an association based in Sri Lanka but having its supporters, sympathisers and agents in the territory of India;

AND WHEREAS the LTTE's objective for a separate homeland (Tamil Eelam) for all Tamils threatens the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, and amounts to cession and secession of a part of the territory of India from the Union and thus falls within the ambit of unlawful activities;

AND WHEREAS the LTTE, even after its military defeat in May, 2009 in Sri Lanka, has not abandoned the concept of 'Eelam' and has been clandestinely working towards the 'Eelam' cause by undertaking fund raising and propaganda activities and the remnant LTTE leaders or cadres have also initiated efforts to regroup the scattered activists and resurrect the outfit locally and internationally;

AND WHEREAS the separatist Tamil Chauvinist groups and pro-LTTE groups continue to foster a separatist tendency amongst the masses and enhance the support base for LTTE in India and particularly in Tamil Nadu, it will ultimately have a strong disintegrating influence over the territorial integrity of India, hence, the strong need continues to exist to control all such separatist activities by all possible lawful means;

AND WHEREAS cases were registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, against LTTE, pro-LTTE elements and chauvinist groups since the last notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs vide number S.O.1272 (E), dated the 14th May, 2014, that is between May, 2014 and May, 2019 besides cases under the provisions of Explosive Substances Act, 1908, Indian Penal Code, etc.

AND WHEREAS the Diaspora continue to spread through articles in the Internet portals, anti-India feeling amongst the Sri Lankan Tamils by holding the Government of India responsible for the defeat of the LTTE and such propaganda through Internet, which remains continued, is likely to impact Very Very Important Persons (VVIP) security adversely in India;

AND WHEREAS for the reasons aforesaid, the Central Government is of the opinion that the LTTE is an unlawful association and there is a continuing strong need to control all such separatist activities by all possible means;

AND WHEREAS the Central Government has the information that -

(i) the activities of the LTTE remnant cadres, dropouts, sympathisers, supporters who have been traced out recently in the State of Tamil Nadu suggest that the cadres sent to Tamil Nadu would ultimately be utilised by the LTTE for unlawful activities;

(ii) the activities of pro-LTTE organizations and individuals have come to notice of the Government of India that despite the ban in force, attempts have been made by these forces to extend their support to the LTTE;

(iii) the LTTE leaders, operatives and supporters have been inimically opposed to India's policy on their organization and action of the State machinery in curbing their activities;

AND WHEREAS the Central Government is of the opinion that the aforesaid activities of the LTTE continue to pose a threat to, and are detrimental to, the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India as also to the public order and, therefore, it should be declared as an unlawful association;

AND WHEREAS the Central Government is further of the opinion that (i) because of the LTTE's continued violent and disruptive activities which are prejudicial to the integrity and sovereignty of India; and (ii) the LTTE continues to adopt a strong anti-India posture as also continues to pose a grave threat to the security of Indian nationals, it is necessary to declare LTTE as an unlawful association with immediate effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government hereby declares the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (the LTTE) as an unlawful association and directs that this Notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect on and from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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